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**Attachments:** EPA Blumenfeld 042621.pdf

Lovely!

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I saw your suggestions and simplified even further. See what you think of this.

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Hi Debbie,

See how this looks.

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Please see below. I'm pretty sure it's "Rear Admiral."

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Here is the cc: we would recommend that we cc NOAA – specifically the senior NOAA manager that has been working with us, we mention NOAA in the letter:

Read Admiral, Nancy Hann, Deputy Director, Office of Marine and Aviation Operations, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

To transmit – Admiral Hann's email address is:

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I don't think so. We just need to add a NOAA cc and finalize it on letterhead, etc.

Thank you all for pulling this letter together!

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I like it. Does anyone else need to review it before I have it prepared for my signature, and sign/send?

Thank you.

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Hi Deborah,  
Here's a clean version for your review, incorporating the latest input from SEMD.

Please let us know,

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Hi Folks

Here is what Enrique and I would suggest adding to the end of the fourth paragraph to address Deborah's question:

Located northeast of Santa Catalina Island, Disposal Site #2 is the focus of recent scientific investigations including the Scipps Institution of Oceanography survey.

Also, we would recommend cc: NOAA – specifically the senior NOAA manager that has been working with us, we mention NOAA in the letter:

Read Admiral, Nancy Hann, Deputy Director, Office of Marine and Aviation Operations, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

We would send to the other State and Federal agencies that have been in our recent meetings separately.

Hope this helps,  
John

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I agree – excellent.

One Q – should we explain what Site #2 is?

Thanks.

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Hi Mike

This looks excellent. How should we handle the language setting up the meeting? "My staff will be reaching out to yours to schedule a meeting." And do we want to add Enrique as the point of contact between now and the meeting?

Thanks

John

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Hi all. Here's my take on the letter to Jared, based on what you discussed earlier this morning. I tried to hit a bit harder the points of (1)we'll accept your request to meet, (2)we've already started interagency work, (3)we shouldn't be hasty as this is super complex.

I left in track changes so SEMD can see what I changed.

Regards,

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Hi Deborah

Keeping you in the loop as things progress this weekend,  
John

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Hi Mike

Enrique and I talked about the desk statement and the draft Acting RA letter to the Cal EPA Secretary a little while ago.

On balance, especially given the press of time, we should pivot to only finalizing and issuing the letter on Monday. We starting talking about the nuances between the desk statement and letter – too many cross currents. So our sense is to just work to finalize and issue the letter Monday and let that serve our needs if/when we are contacted about the Scripps survey.

Attached is the current version of the letter with Enrique's edits included.

Thanks for your work on all of this!  
John

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Enrique,  
Please see attached for some edits. John confirmed to me that this is not a "statement for issuance" as in a press release, but a desk statement (if-asked talking points). You'll note that I broke this into points to deploy, and background for reference by the person using these points to responds.

Adding Bill Glenn as I'm out tomorrow (Friday).

Thanks all,

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**Importance:** High

Mike

I made some edits. See what you think.

I would like to send something tonight to OLEM and other HQs offices by tonight if possible for their consideration as an EPA statement for issuance on Monday. In the ideal world, it would be great to make this a joint EPA/NOAA statement. However, I'm not wedded to that approach if it's going to take too much time for NOAA to run it through their chain.

I anticipate we will get additional queries from the Senator and the media on Monday. I'm ok with this being an EPA statement only. I assume you will have run this statement by your OCIR, OPA counterparts?

Thanks for your help.

Enrique

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Hi Mike

Here is our draft of talking points that will be circulated to the group of federal and state agencies listed. We shared an earlier draft prior to yesterday's meeting of the group and have revised to incorporate their comments.

This could be the starting point in developing an R9 desk statement for use next week.

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